

Appln. No. 10/782,064
Amendment dated December 12, 2005
Reply to Office Action mailed 10/12/2005

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Entry of the above amendments is courteously requested in order to place all claims in this application in allowable condition and/or to place the non-allowed claims in better condition for consideration on appeal.

Claims 1, 7 and 8 remain in this application. Claims 2 through 6 have been cancelled. No claims have been withdrawn or added.

Paragraphs 1 through 4 of the Office Action

Claims 1 through 6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Benson et al.

Claims 1 through 5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Brummer.

Claim 1, particularly as amended, requires all of the requirements of previously presented claims 3 through 6. It is submitted that the prior art relied upon in the rejection of the Office Action does not lead one of ordinary skill in the art to all of the detailed requirements of the amended claim 1.

It is submitted that the cited Benson and Brummer patents, alone or in any allegedly obvious combination, would not lead one skilled in the art to the applicant's invention as required by claim 1.

Withdrawal of the §102(b) rejections of claim 1 is therefore respectfully requested.

The Examiner is thanked for the indication of allowability for claims 7 and 8.

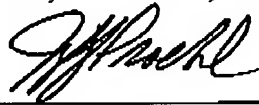
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CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early reconsideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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